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1. The French Government has made a protest to the Bolivian Foreign Office over the activities of the Bolivian Consular officials in Paris. These officials are reported to have been indulging in an irregular practice which has enabled hundreds of unauthorized persons to enter and remain in France. According to the French Government, the Bolivian Consulate in Paris has been issuing immigrant visas on the basis of which persons have been coming from Germany and other European countries and have been granted transit visas through France by the French Government. However, when these persons arrive in France, they immediately disappear. There are reported to be hundreds of such cases. The Bolivian Consul in Paris is not obliged to refer these visas to the Bolivian Foreign Office, since he knows at the time he issues them that the recipients never intend to enter Bolivia and will never present these visas in Bolivia.
2. When the French note of protest was received by the Bolivian Government, the Foreign Office immediately blamed the Immigration Section. The Immigration Section countered with the charge that it had repeatedly protested against the illegal practices followed by the Bolivian Consulate in Paris concerning visas, and that it has no control over the activities of consular personnel.
3. As a result of the protest by the French Government, Jorge Canedo Reyes, Charge d'Affaires in Paris, was recalled to Bolivia to explain these irregularities. Canedo Reyes reached La Paz on 25 August and it is not known whether he will return to his post. It has not been ascertained whether he was profiting from these illegal activities, but opinion is quite prevalent that Andres Torrico Lemoin, Bolivian Consul in Paris, is the ring leader and the person who has benefited most from these transactions. The latter has been issuing visas by the hundreds without notifying or securing the permission of the Bolivian Foreign Office.

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